### 2007 MAINE HUNTING SEASONS

(Not a legal presentation. See hunting law booklet for full details.)

November 2006

			BASIC LIMITS
	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY POSSESSION
DEER Firearms Season	Oct. 29	Nov. 24	ONE DEER PER YEAR
Maine-Resident-Only Day	Oct. 27		regardless of season or method. (see exception below)
Youth Deer Day	Oct. 20		Only deer with antlers at least three inches long may be taken from Oct. 27 - Dec. 8, except that any deer may be taken in designated wildlife management districts by hunters with any-deer permits.Permit application period: mid-June to August 1, annually.  Exception: more than one deer per year may be taken with a bonus permit or during the expanded archery season.
Archery	Sept. 27	Oct. 26	
Muzzleloader statewide (all WMD's)	Nov. 26	Dec. 1	
Muzzleloader WMD's 12, 13,15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29	Dec. 3	Dec. 8	
▲Expanded Archery (designated areas only)	Sept. 8	Dec. 8	
BEAR* General hunting seasons	Aug. 27	Nov. 24	
Hunting with dogs	Sept. 10	Oct. 26	ONE BEAR PER YEAR
** Hunting with bait	Aug. 27	Sept. 22	
MOOSE (by permit only) WMD's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 19	Sept. 24	Sept. 29	Permit application period: January through April 1.
WMD's 1-14, 17-19, 27, 28	Oct. 8	Oct. 13	Terrint application period. January through April 1.
RUFFED GROUSE & BOBWHITE QUAIL	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	4 Grouse & Quail 8
PHEASANT	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	2 Pheasant 4
SPRING WILD TURKEY (by permit only) Split Season WMD's 7, 10-18 & 20-26			
Season A: Week #1	April 30	May 5	
Week #4	May 21	May 26	
Season B: Week #2	May 7	May 12	One Bearded Wild Turkey per permit holder.
Week #3	May 14	May 19	
All Permit Holders: Week #5	May 28	June 2	
Youth Spring Wild Turkey	April 28		
▲FALL WILD TURKEY			
Zone 1: WMD's 15, 16, 17, 20, 24, 25, 26	Oct.6	Oct. 20	
Zone 2: WMD's: 21, 22, 23	Sept. 27	Oct. 26	One Wild Turkey either sex, any age per permit holder.
# WOODCOCK		Sea	asons set early in September.
₩ COMMON SNIPE	Regulations available mid-September from license agents, game wardens, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. offices, and on the web at		
DUCKS, GEESE, SEA DUCKS (scoter, eider, long-tailed duck)			
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<b>CROW</b> WMD's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Aug. 1	Sept. 29	-
WMD's 7 through 29	Feb. 1	March 31	
WIVID'S / Infough 29	Aug. 1	Sept. 29	-
GRAY SQUIRREL	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	4 8
◆RABBIT (snowshoe)	Oct. 1	Mar. 31	4 8
BOBCAT	Dec. 1	Feb. 14	-
FOX	Oct. 15	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	
SKUNK, OPOSSUM	Oct. 15	Dec. 31	
COYOTE, WOODCHUCK, PORCUPINE, RED SQUIRREL	NO CLOSED SEASON FOR HUNTING		
ANY SPECIES NOT LISTED ABOVE	NO OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING		
₩ Migratory waterfowl stamp not required.			

- \* Bear permit required in addition to hunting license from Aug. 27 through Oct. 26. See hunting law booklet for other recent changes.
- \*\* Applies to so-called "set-bait" hunting from stand, blind, etc. overlooking bait or food; does not apply to hunting over standing crops, food left from normal agricultural operations, or from natural occurrence, which may be done at any time during the bear hunting season.
- ◆ Oct. 1 Feb. 28 on Vinalhaven Island, Knox County.
- ▲ Archery license required in addition to Expanded Archery permit and Fall Wild Turkey permit, available through license agents.

SUNDAY HUNTING: Illegal in Maine.

### LEGALHUNTINGHOURS:

**HUNTER ORANGE:** See hunting law book for details.

**Animals**: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Exceptions: Spring Wild Turkey, migratory gamebird, and raccoon. See hunting law booklet for details on night hunting for coyotes.

**LICENSES:** Hunting license is required. The archery license allows bow and arrow hunting for all legal game throughout the year (except deer during the muzzleloading season). An archery license is **required** to hunt deer during the <u>special</u> archery and expanded archery season, and also required to hunt turkey during the fall Wild Turkey season.

Muzzleload license is required, in addition to a hunting license, to hunt during muzzleloader season on deer. **STAMPS:** State and federal duck stamps\* required for waterfowl hunters age 16 and over. Pheasant stamp\* required in York and Cumberland counties.

**\*NOTE:** The state migratory waterfowl stamp and pheasant stamp are now a check off on your license, rather than in the form of a stamp.

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